

A Bill to authorize the establishment of ferries at the crossing of the Waco and Austin road on the Lampasas and Leon Rivers in the County of Bell without obtaining license.

A Bill declaring void any sale made by the public enemy who may occupy any portion of the territory of the State of Texas.

The question being upon the bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton whether it shall be engrossed. Mr. Dickson moved a call of the Senate which was sustained. On Mr. Parson's motion the call was suspended and the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

The consideration of the bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton being before the Senate; The President announced the following communication from the Treasurer which on motion was taken up and referred to Committee on Finance.¹¹ Mr. Lea occupying the floor gave way to a motion to adjourn, whereupon the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, February 21, 1863

9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Dickson, Chairman of Committee on Education, on behalf of said committee reported a bill to incorporate the Dallas Male and Female College recommending its passage with the following amendment. Strike out after the word "Dallas" all of third section.

Mr. Casey, one of the Committee on the Judiciary, on behalf of the majority reported a Bill authorizing judgments to be rendered requiring property levied upon by execution to bring nine tenths of its appraised value in certain cases, and recommended the adoption of the substitute presented.

Mr. Ford, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a Joint Resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Texas to our soldiers in the army correctly en-

¹¹ For this report see C. H. Randolph's statement in the Senate Proceedings of February 17, 1863.

rolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Maxey moved that the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report on a bill referred to them giving land to the Texas officers and soldiers in the war on Monday next. Mr. Maxey withdrew the motion whereupon Mr. Casey, Chairman of that Committee, reported the bill and recommended its reference to Committee on Public Lands. On motion of Mr. Guinn, the report was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Bastrop, Mr. Parsons was added to Committee on Public Buildings; and on Mr. Burney's motion, Mr. Maxey was added to Committee on Public Lands.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills:

A Bill to incorporate the Jackson Manufacturing Company.

A Bill to authorize the County Courts of Bastrop and other Counties herein named to regulate the pay of Sheriffs in certain cases.

A Joint Resolution of the subject of increasing the pay of the private soldiers in the Confederate Army.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

A Bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton being under consideration at the time of adjournment was taken up. Pending the question of engrossment of the bill, the Senate adjourned until half past 3 o'clock P. M.

3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

The question before the Senate being upon the engrossment of the bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton, Mr. Quayle moved the previous question which was ordered. Mr. Dickson moved a call of the Senate, which was sustained.

The Senate being full with the exception of Mr. White, Mr. Guinn proposed to pair off with the privilege of recording their votes on Monday. The main question, shall the bill be engrossed, was then put and the Yeas and Nays were as follows.

Yeas: Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Burney, Cooper, Craw-

ford, Durant, Graham, Lea, Lair, Maxey, Parsons, Quayle, Weatherford, Wheeler—14.

Nays: Messrs. Andres, Batte, Casey, Cook, Dickson, Ford, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop, Reed, Selman, Shepard—14.

There being a tie vote the President rose and said, "I am sorry that the responsibility of deciding this important question—a question that in the minds of Honorable Senators is of vital importance—has fallen upon me. I dislike very much to be compelled to cast such a vote without an opportunity of giving my reasons for it, and I hope that the Honorable Senators will afford me that opportunity yet before the final passage of the bill. I have desired very much to investigate the question fully, but I have not had time to do so. I am prepared, however, to cast my vote. I cast it for the preservation of the institution of slavery—for the protection of the slave holder—I cast my vote in favor of **Government**, the only security of property. I vote Yea." So the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

On Mr. Parsons' motion, the following House bills were taken up and read severally 1st and 2nd times and referred as follows:

Joint Resolution on the subject of increasing the pay of the private soldiers in the Confederate Army. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A Bill authorizing the County Courts of Bastrop and other Counties herein named to regulate the pay of Sheriffs in certain cases. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

A Bill to incorporate the Jackson Manufacturing Company. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

A Bill declaring void any sale made by the public who may occupy any portion of the territory of the State. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

A Bill to authorize the establishment of ferries at the crossing of the Waco and Austin road on the Lampasas and Leon rivers in the County of Bell without obtaining license. Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

Joint Resolution relative to modification of the exemption laws. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A Bill to regulate the sale of beef cattle and to require butchers to keep and return lists of the cattle slaughtered by them and to prevent the sale of calves for slaughter without branding. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A Bill to attach Kendall County to the fourth Judicial District and providing for the time of holding Courts in said District. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Joint Resolution tendering thanks to Major O. M. Watkins. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Joint Resolution tendering thanks to General Magruder, officers and men. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Cook by leave introduced a bill for the purpose of carrying into effect the proclamation of the President of the Confederate States dated [blank] day of [blank], 1862. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. Monday next.

Monday, February 23, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Burney presented the petition of the Ladies of McLennan County praying for the passage of a law preventing the distillation of Liquors, etc. Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Casey, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The President announced a communication from the Comptroller as follows:

Austin, February 18, 1863
Comptroller's Office

Lieutenant Governor John M. Crockett
President of the Senate

Sir,

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Senate this date I herewith submit a statement showing the probable amounts of receipts of State Revenue for the present year 1863.

Respectfully,
C. R. Johns
Comptroller